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Dear Chairman Thomas and Chairwoman Johnson:

I would like to thank you for working with the hospital and health system community to craft a Medicare proposal that provides needed assistance to health care providers. On behalf of HANYS' membership, I am pleased to support this critical first step in the legislative process to ensuring the passage of a comprehensive Medicare package this year.

Over the years, both of you and the Ways and Means Committee staff have expressed a willingness to explore the issues that impact hospitals and health systems and lead in the development of solutions. House passage of the payment improvements that you have included in the House Republican Medicare legislation will help address the many pressures facing health care providers.

America's seniors need both a prescription drug benefit and healthy providers. On behalf of the HANYS' membership, I thank you for making both a priority and look forward to working with you and the New York State Congressional Delegation to support your legislative efforts.

Sincerely,

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